

TRAIN WRECKER IS SENTENCED

Judge Bates of Bennington Sends
12-Year-Old to Industrial
School.

HUGH KEEFE CONFESSED.

Placed Ties on Rutland Road at Shaftsbury to Ditch Green Mountain Flyer—Put Them Back When Removed and Knew How to Do It.

Bennington, Aug. 7.—Hugh Keefe, 12 years of age, and a son of Alexander Keefe of Rutland, was today sentenced by Municipal Judge E. L. Bates to the industrial school at Vergennes for the remainder of his minority. The charge against the boy was that of attempting to wreck the Green Mountain flyer over the Rutland road at Shaftsbury, July 22.

The boy when arrested two days after the incident made a full confession. He not only placed several ties on the rails for the purpose of ditching the passenger train, but when the obstruction was removed by a freight crew he replaced it.

But for the fact that the northbound train was late and a slow freight was sent ahead, a bad wreck would have resulted for the ties were ingeniously placed so as to throw the cars from the rails.

LUMBER MILL BURNED.

Loss of \$8,000 to E. M. Bartlett at Norton Mills.

Tolland Pond, Aug. 7.—E. M. Bartlett's lumber mill at Norton Mills, all the machinery and the dry house containing \$8,000 worth of the finished product were burned last night at eleven o'clock. It originated over the boiler and traveled through an elevator to the mill. Lumber piles and logs surrounding the mill were saved. The loss is \$8,000 insurance, \$4,000.

DEATH OF MRS. PORTER H. DALE.

Mrs. Porter H. Dale died this morning following a long illness of heart disease and acute congestion of the liver from which she suffered intensely at times. She is survived by her husband, two sons and two daughters. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon.

FIRE LOSSES OF \$555,245.

Number in Vermont in 1906 Was 1,225 Report by Counties.

Montpelier, Aug. 7.—F. G. Fleetwood and E. H. Deavitt, Vermont insurance commissioners, issued today their annual report for 1906. This report shows that during that year there were 1,225 fires in Vermont with a total loss of \$555,245. Rutland county had the largest loss, \$245,070. The losses by counties follow:

Counties	No. of fires	Damage
Addison	22	\$ 52,073
Bennington	45	\$22,719
Caledonia	318	\$65,671
Cattlemen	181	\$16,271
Essex	23	\$28,271
Franklin	164	\$5,363
Grand Isle	10	\$ 5,330
Lamoille	45	\$17,881
Orange	45	\$23,549
Orleans	84	\$24,565
Rutland	190	\$245,070
Washington	39	\$26,579
Windham	86	\$21,608
Windsor	122	\$14,411
Total	1,225	\$555,245

The losses by fire throughout the State that year were the largest in February, being \$330,224 that month. Defective chimneys caused 291 fires during that year and 231 fires were from unknown cause.

LIFE INSURANCE FIGURES.

On December 31, 1906, there were in force 12,637 life insurance policies in the State with an aggregate insurance of \$10,588,746.72. In 1906 the National Life Insurance company wrote 42 new policies insuring \$74,553.94. In 1905 they wrote 45 policies, insuring \$67,832.

The towns and cities having a fire loss of over \$100,000 during 1906 are: Rutland, \$245,070; Windsor, \$19,250; Orwell, \$10,547; Springfield, \$12,600; Salisbury, \$15,011; Hartford, \$18,705; Shoreham, \$13,587; Rockingham, \$19,470; Barre, \$13,206; St. Johnsbury, \$34,326; Burlington, \$51,784; Jericho, \$14,357; Guildhall, \$15,004; Newport, \$10,120; Brandon, \$15,839; Middleboro, \$12,513.

DECLARE RAID ILLEGAL.

Complications in Sunderland Affair—Defendants Continue Business.

Manchester, Aug. 7.—Indications are that those who participated in the raid at Sunderland Saturday, July 20, have involved themselves in serious complications. The raid was made on the saloon said to be run by the Morrissey brothers of Arlington, under a license secured by

Merle Pike of Sunderland with money furnished by them. The law makes it illegal for a non-resident to sell liquor in any town, and on this charge the arrest was made on evidence obtained by Attorney Clarence J. Ferguson of Burlington, superintendent of the State Anti-Saloon League. The raid was made by Deputy Sheriff M. J. Covey on warrants issued by the town grand juror, Justice Edwin Graves of Sunderland found them guilty of the illegal sale of liquor. The men have been jailed for \$5,000 by Edward Pike, father of Merle Pike, who secured the license, and have been bound over to await the action of the county court in December.

It is claimed that Justice Graves refused the request for a jury trial and conducted the case arbitrarily. More than \$1,000 worth of liquor is stored in a room at the Pike place and a threat is made to attach the property of Justice Graves for the value of the liquor in case the court renders a decision in favor of the Morrisseys. Attorneys O. M. Barber of Bennington, E. C. Archibald of Manchester Center and J. J. Shackelton of Arlington, the defense lawyers, have declared the whole proceeding illegal. They advised Pike to obtain material and continue the business. This has been done since Tuesday, July 23, without sign of molestation.

The affair has attracted wide attention and the action of the county court, which will consider the case on the first Tuesday in December, is awaited with interest.

FEARS FOR WELLMAN.

Amundsen, Arctic Explorer, Says Ball-Lyon Is Unable to Become Committed with Ice and Fall.

Berlin, Aug. 7.—Captain Amundsen, the noted Arctic explorer, arrived here from Christiania tonight. He intends to deliver lectures in Berlin, Garmstunde, Nordensky and Ostend.

Speaking of Mr. Walter Wellman's expedition, Captain Amundsen made no effort to hide his pessimistic view regarding the attempt. He discouraged Mr. Wellman and his friends and spared no effort to persuade them to postpone their expedition one more year, or until certain improvements which had proved successful in the French and German balloons might be added to his outfit. He said:

"My opinion is that Mr. Wellman's only hope lies in the wind. A strong south wind might carry him over the Pole and land him in America or Asia, where he would find settlements. Should his progress be slow the airship, I am afraid, would be weighed down by crust ice and he would find in a most dangerous district, which a return by dog sleds would be difficult."

"I am confident airship will be constructed within the next ten years which will make exploration of the Pole possible."

PEARY NEARLY READY.

Hopes to Sail for the North Pole within a Week.

Portland, Me., Aug. 7.—Commander Robert E. Peary, who is staying with his family at Eagle Island said today that he will start for New York and then for Greenland, where he and his officers are installed in the Roosevelt.

He could not state definitely when that will be but hopes to start within a week. He expects to be in winter quarters by September 5.

There will be no change either in his general course or in the size of his party, which this time will not be divided at all but will be kept in a compact body. Commander Peary said that he had acquired no "new-fangled idea" and that he knew just what he needed and would take that and nothing more.

EXPOSITION DOESN'T PAY.

Defaults in First \$100,000 on Million Dollar Loan by Government.

Washington, Aug. 7.—The Jamestown Exposition company failed yesterday to make its initial payment of \$100,000 into the treasury on the \$1,000,000 loan which it received by act of Congress. There was some difference of opinion in the construction of the terms of the law regarding the repayment of the loan, which provides that from and after July 15 the exposition company shall reimburse the government in the sum of \$100,000 every 15 days, and it was then decided that the matter should go over until August 1.

VERMONT'S FIRST CRUISE.

The New Battleship Has Sailed for a Series of Tests.

London, Aug. 7.—The Vermont and the Illinois, steamers from the Charleston navy yard yesterday afternoon, the Vermont going to report to Rear Admiral Evans at New York.

This is the first cruise of the Vermont and she will put through a series of general manœvering and engine tests, and her crew will be exercised in fire, boat, gun and general quarters drills at sea so as to be absolutely familiar with their stations and duties for any emergency. Captain William P. Potter, a Vermont man, her first commander, will officially report to Rear Admiral Evans, to whose Atlantic fleet the ship will be formally attached.

The presentation of the silver service, the gift of the State of Vermont to the ship, will be made next month, probably at this yard, but possibly at New York.

Dr. Joseph P. Deziel, one of Barre's leading physicians, is dead of heart disease from which he had suffered for several years. He was 41 years old and began practicing in Barre in 1894.



WINCHESTER

From the ten different Winchester repeaters you can surely select a rifle adapted for hunting your favorite game, be it squirrels or grizzly bears. No matter which model you select you can count on its being well made, accurate and reliable.

SHOOT WINCHESTER CARTRIDGES IN WINCHESTER GUNS

ETIQUETTE OF THE FLAG.

By C. L. Hammond, Secretary Illinois United States Flag Association.

When President William McKinley was assassinated six years ago, thousands of loyal Americans raised flags at half mast over their places of business and let them fly by night and by day until they were worn out. They undoubtedly thought they were showing respect to McKinley's memory, but they were not showing respect to the flag. The United States government displayed at that time its flag at half mast from sunrise to sunset from the president's death until his burial. The government regulations provide that on the death of a president in office its flag shall be displayed at half mast only one day.

In memory of the 300,000 Union soldiers who lost their lives during the Civil War, on May 30, Memorial day, each year the United States displays its flag at half mast at all army posts, stations and national cemeteries from sunrise till midday. Immediately before noon a dirge is played by the band, or field music, and the national salute of twenty-one guns is fired. At the conclusion of this memorial tribute at noon the flag is hoisted to the top of the staff and remains there until sunset. The idea is that the national ensign is too sacred an object to be long in mourning for any man or number of men, no matter how exalted their rank.

The flag reversed with the union down, indicates distress. The flag on anything but a fort, actually besieged, should never be displayed between sunset and sunrise.

When the flag is to be displayed at half mast, it is lowered to that position from the top of the staff. It is hoisted to the top before it is finally lowered.

OUR COMMERCE IN FRUITS AND NUTS.

In the last twenty years, 1887 to 1907, our exports of American fruits and nuts have increased 540 per cent, while our imports of the same commodities have shown a 30 per cent increase, according to the records of the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor.

In certain articles, notably raisins, prunes and oranges, the home product has practically excluded that of foreign origin.

The comparative figures are:

1887	Exports, \$35,000,000	Imports, \$17,500,000
1907	Exports, \$20,000,000	Imports, 2,650,000
Increases, 20 years, \$14,350,000	\$14,350,000	
The growth in importations of fruits and nuts in the last twenty years has been confined to a few lines in which local production has not been sufficient to meet home consumption such as bananas, figs and other preserved fruits, walnuts, coconuts and almonds. Nearly all other articles of this group show decreased importations during the period under review. Here are the chief imports of each fiscal year:		
Bananas	\$2,600,000	\$12,000,000
Figs and preserved fruits	1,200,000	4,000,000
Coconuts	500,000	1,333,000
Almonds	600,000	2,333,000
All other chiefly	600,000	2,333,000
Walnuts	700,000	6,000,000
Decreased imports:		
Oranges	2,250,000	400,000
Prunes	1,500,000	50,000
Lemons	stationary, the value for both years quoted being \$4,000,000.	
That the United States is not now nearly as dependent on foreign countries for fruits as formerly is shown by a comparison of the imports and exports of certain representative commodities:		
1887	1907	
Oranges, imports	2,250,000	\$400,000
Oranges, exports	Practically none	1,300,000
Prunes, imports	None	2,400,000
Raisins, imports	2,000,000	None
Raisins, exports	None	500,000
Most of the bananas we eat come from Central America (chiefly Costa Rica, Honduras and Panama), about \$5,000,000 worth, while the British West Indies get \$4,500,000 of our banana money and Cuba about \$1,000,000. Italy is our almost exclusive source of supply for imported lemons. Most of our currents come from Greece. We used to buy \$2,000,000 worth of raisins yearly from Spain, but that item is down to less than \$500,000. Orange imports have dropped from \$2,500,000 to \$400,000. Imported preserved fruits reach us from Spain (chiefly), France, Cuba, Greece, Italy and Great Britain. We get our imported figs chiefly from Turkey in Asia, grapes from Spain, walnuts from France, almonds from Spain, Italy and France and coconuts from Colombia, Cuba, British West Indies and Central America.		
American dried apples go chiefly to Germany and other European countries, ripe apples to Great Britain and Germany, oranges mostly to Canada, pears to Great Britain, prunes to Germany, Great Britain and Canada, raisins mostly to Canada and Australia, preserved fruits to Great Britain, and peanuts chiefly to Canada and the Netherlands.—New York Sun.		

BOLT KILLED YOUNG FARMER

Burton Kenyon of Hinesburgh
Struck by Lightning—His
Companion Stunned.

DANVILLE BUILDINGS BURNED

Hail Storm in Bennington Ruined
Growing Crops, Stripped Pollen
off Trees and Stunned Birds—
Enough Fell to Whiten
Ground.

Hinesburgh, Aug. 7.—Burton Kenyon of this town, aged 25 years, was instantly killed by lightning this afternoon between one and two o'clock while employed in the sugar orchard on Mrs. Susan Ray's farm. John Knox, a young man who was working with him, received a severe shock, but was able to walk home and tell of the fate that had befallen his companion.

The deceased leaves a wife and two children and for the past year had conducted M. M. Remington's farm in this town.

The funeral will be held to-morrow.

SET FIRES IN DANVILLE.

Lightning Caused Destruction of
House and Burns There.

St. Johnsbury, Aug. 7.—During a heavy shower this afternoon lightning struck in two places in Danville and the big barn of Salma Davis, containing over 20 tons of hay, and the house and barn of Thomas Utton, another Danville farmer, were burned to the ground. Both men had their property insured in the Vermont Mutual of Montpelier.

HAIL ENOUGH FOR SNOW BALL FIGHTS.

Storm in Bennington Did Thousands
of Dollars Damage to Growing Crops—
Birds Stunned by Hail As Large
As Marbles.

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